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SUBJECT: GENERAL AMIN'S MIDDLE EAST TRAVELS

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF UGANDA NEWS AGENCY REPORT ON PRESIDENT AMIN'S TRABELS IN MIDDLE EAST PUBLISHED OCT. 16.

BEGIN TEXT. PRESIDENT AMIN'S VISIT TO VARIOUS ARAB COUNTRIES DURING THE FIGHTING IN THE MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS A SIGN OF SOLIDARITY AND A GREAT ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE TROOPS ON THE FRONTLINE.

DURING HIS MEETING WITH PRESIDENT AMIN SHORTLY AFTER THE GENERAL'S ARRIVAL IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND MISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, MR. ABDUL HALIM KHADDAM, SAID "YOUR VISIT AND PRESENCE IN DAMASCUS AT THIS TIME IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED AND WILL GREATLY RAISE THE MORALE OF THE PEOPLE."

HE THANKED THE GENERAL FOR HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS TOWARDS THE ARAB CAUSE AND ASSURED HIM THAT THE ARABS KNOW FULLY WELL THAT THEY ARE NOT ALONE IN THEIR STRUGGLE AND HIGHLY APPRECIATE IT.

BRIEFING THE GENRAL ON THE WAR, HE SAID THE BATTLE IS GOING ON IN THE AIR, LAND, AND SEA, AND THE ISRAELIS ALTHOUGH ATTACKING WITH A BIG FORCE, WERE SUFFERING HEAVY CASUALTIES. HE SAID HE  
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WAS SURE THEY WILL WIN BECAUSE THEIR MORALE WAS VERY HIGH.

PRESIDENT AMIN TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD GONE TO SYRIA TO WITNESS THE SITUATION BY HIMSELF SO THAT HE CAN BE COMPLETELY WELL-INFORMED.

HE BRIEFED HIM ON THE UGANDAN COMBINED AIRFORCE AND ARMY REGULAR TROOPS WHICH ARE READY TO GO AND FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH THEIR BROTHERS TO CRASH THE ZIONISTS.

AS HIS EARLIER PREDICTION, GENERAL AMIN IS SURE THE ARABS WILL WIN THE WAR AND THE ISRAELIS WILL BE PUSHED OUT.

ACCORDING TO OUR CORRESPONDENT, HAJI MAYANFA-NJUKI, NOW IN SYRIA, ISRAELI WOMEN WERE SEEN BY EYE-WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, WEeping IN MEMORY OF THEIR HUSBANDS AND SONS WHO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE WAR, AND WERE CURSING THE ISRAELI PREMIER, MRS. GOLDA MEIR, AND THE DEFENCE MINISTER, GENERAL MOSHE DAYAN, FOR CAUSING THEIR DEATHS.

MEANWHILE, PRESIDENT AMIN YESTERDAY VISITED THE AREAS IN DAMASCUS WHICH HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY ISRAELI PLANES AND WERE LATER DOWNED BY SYRIAN AIR FORCE.

HE ALSO VISITED AND TALKED TO THE PILOT PRISONERS OF WAR.

THE BUILDINGS DESTROYED BY THE ISRAELI AIR FORCE PLANES WERE ALL BUT ONE, CIVIL TARGETS AND THEY INCLUDED A HOSPITAL AND PRESIDENTIAL HOUSES. MANY LIVES WERE LOST AND PROPERTY DAMAGED.

THE GENERAL WAS LAST NIGHT SCHEDULED TO HOLD TALKS WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD AND A PRESS CONFERENCE LATER.  
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